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Justice of the Peace.

We are authorized to present the name of
S. L. Roberts to the people of this precinct
for re-election to the office of justice of the peace
at the coming election.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for
the office of justice of the peace of Eddy
precinct.

Constable.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for
the office of constable for Eddy precinct at
the election Jan. 3, 1899.

En King.

The CURRENT is authorized to announce
that W. Lewis is a candidate for constable
of Eddy precinct at the election Jan. 3, 1899.

The health authorities backed by
the citizens and the county and town
officials have made the best fight on
smallpox to be shown in the territory.
Dr. Wright has vaccinated about 400
people and disposed of 200 points.
Wednesday was his best day having
from morning to night vaccinated 150
people. Dr. Wright up to this week
had vaccinated about 600 people and
disposed of some 200 points. The one
case at Florence is recovering and no
others have developed. The Florence
school was dismissed immediately and
all the children vaccinated as well as
all others in the vicinity. The abso-
lute check given the disease proves
what can be done when the people
unite with the health board to quell
smallpox. No other town and county
in the west can show so wonderful a
record. Pecos has had about ten cases
two of which died last Wednesday.
Roswell has had two or three cases one
of which died; but Eddy has, as yet to
have a single case of small pox and
from present indications, will not be-
cause the people—Mexicans and all
have been vaccinated. No vaccinated
case was ever known to have genuine
smallpox unless the vaccination had
been done years previous; vaccination
is the true preventative and it is well
the laws are such as to compel it.

Dick Robinson was in town last
week from Monument spring some
65 miles east. The firm of Scott &
Robinson of which Mr. Robinson is
resident manager is the largest tax-
payer in Eddy county, the total tax of
the firm in this county being about
\$5,700. Mr. Robinson complains about
this enormous tax, which would not
not be more than one half the amount
if all other stock grazing in Eddy county
was taxed in Eddy county. How-
ever, this tax is the only expense con-
nected with the land upon which some
40,000 or 50,000 head of cattle graze
and will not amount to more than ten
cents per head per year for pasture.
If people who raise cattle in the east
could have them pastured the year
around and taxes paid at ten cents each
the cattle business would be considered
a perfect bonanza which it is. Mr. Robinson threatens
to move his cattle out of the county
unless his taxes are reduced. This move would be hailed with
joy by dozens of small owners who
would like very much to occupy the
beautiful range now held by the firms
of Scott & Robinson. But the cattle
will not be moved; instead the head
quartermaster may be moved to Texas
and an effort made to pay taxes in
Texas for cattle that ranges in Eddy
county. This would be very unwise
for the territorial laws are such that
every hoof ranging in Eddy county
may be taxed in this county if our
county assessor, commissioners and
elector do their duty and it is very
likely they will. And more than
this, experts should be employed to
ferret out the number of cattle run-
ning in this county on free grass and
compel every owner to pay the full
rate their taxes would be as low as in
Texas. When a little house and lot
in Eddy not worth \$300, is taxed at
\$17 per year it is high time that the
cattle business pay its share. It is
the only business paying large profits
and the only business money can be
got out of in the county. The quicker
cattle men leave the county the quick-
er there will be room for more cattle,
as long as the range is occupied it
should yield its just revenue to the
county. The honest cattle man who
pays his taxes can have no objection
to the county officials taxing all and
the dishonest cattle man who seeks to
evade taxes should be punished by im-
prisonment in the territorial pen, for
it is a far greater crime to steal from
all the people and compel poor home-
owners in Eddy and poor farmers,
who cannot hide their property to
bear all the burden than to steal a fat
steer from a rich cattle man—though
either is a crime.

Surprised People.

Some of our friends in the East
must think the world is fast coming to
an end. The spectacle of Andrew
McGilligan's Mr. Bryan as "the
man" can save us from the
militarism and imperialism

which make the ultra conserva-
tives rub their eyes and wonder

if they are awake. Two years ago
Carnegie, was bitterly denouncing
Bryan at every opportunity. Dr. Park-
hurst, too, now seated at the feet of
Mr. Bryan, exhausted the resources of
his virile vocabulary in denunciation
of "the apostle of repudiation." Senator
Hoar, Grover Cleveland and the New York
World are three other institutions which must be filled with surprise.

One phase of Mr. Bryan's attitude
on expansion is that it cannot fail to
impress a large number of people, who
were prejudiced against him, with the
conviction that he is not disposed to
be extremely radical, but is, on the
contrary, inclined to a close construc-
tion of the constitution upon all
public questions. The man
they denounced as a boy orator,
as a visionary and even as an anarchist
and leviathan, they suddenly find the
leader of the conservatives.—Rocky
Mountain News.

A Practical Joke.
The prevailing smallpox excitement
was responsible for the following am-
using incident at Dr. Curtis' Enson
Institute here Tuesday night of last
week. A certain colored gent, who
had been employed at Roswell N. M.,
secured a health certificate, and came
to this place, passing, of course,
through Pecos, the infected point en-
route. Dr. Curtis, the local health offi-
cer met him and took him to his office
there being no other available
place at that late hour. About 4
o'clock in the morning a patient under-
going treatment at the Institute
waked up, and seeing the colored boy
conceived the idea of playing a prac-
tical joke upon him. He informed
the son of Ham that he had been de-
ceived, and that he was then in the
pest house, he himself being afflicted
with smallpox. He called Sambo's atten-
tion to a certain curtain, and told
him to draw it aside. This the victim
did, and there in all its grimy nakedness
and horror hung a skeleton. "That,"
said the wicked joker, is the skeleton
of a man who died here yesterday of
smallpox. His death was burns to
prevent the further spread of the disease."
By this time the African's color had changed to the tint of
wet ashes, and his teeth were clat-
tering like a wagon load of tin cans,
as he wanted was an opportunity to
escape, and it will be many a day 'ere
he forgets those few hours of misery
and terror.—Midland Reporter.

The Riot at Taos.

Deputy United States Marshal Sheridan
returned from Taos last night
bringing with him Albert Gifford
whom the friends of Sheriff Trujillo
of Taos county accuse of shooting the
officer.

Mr. Sheridan's story of the troubles
in Taos clears up many matters which
could not be understood in Santa Fe,
and removes suspicion of a race war.
The story first sent out that shoot-
ing resulted from the arrest of two
tourist representing Scribner's Maga-
zine for not removing their hats while
a church procession was passing
is not a fair statement. The process-
ion was not held by a church, but one
by the penitentes and the facts are
strangers did take their hats off, but
because they saw fit to leave the street
and replace their headgear before the
rag tag and bob-tail of the penitentes
was out of sight, they were assaulted,
insulted and thrown into jail by a
drunken sheriff and his intoxicated
deputies, all of whom were members
of the penitente organization. Gifford
the young man now in Santa Fe, had
nothing to do with the master in the
start. After the sheriff had thrown
the strangers into jail he started out
to kill some one on general principles,
and Gifford was the first man he met.
Gifford got away from him, but endea-
vored to get to his boarding house
near Trujillo again, and the latter open-
ed fire on him. After the second shot,
fired by Trujillo, about 20 reports were
heard from the crowd that had gathered,
and the sheriff fell mortally wounded.
Thirteen balls were dug out of the
adobe wall that had been fired by the
sheriff and others. The reports that
the master had resolved itself into a
war between the Americans and the
native people are unfounded. The real
state of affairs was that it was a
war between whisky intemperate peni-
tentes and the rest of the people in
Taos.

To Hon. Malquides Martinez much
praise is due for preventing a serious
riot. In company with friends he
prevented a clash between the friends
of the sheriff and the other residents
of the town.

Gifford is now in the custody of the
sheriff of Santa Fe county, Santa Fe
New Mexico.

Fish every Thursday at Gammie's.

Tracy & McElroy have just received
a fine line of crockery and glassware
for the holiday season.

Angell & McElroy will do house moving
and draying promptly.

Pure lead and put up in half gallon
preserving cans at U. S. meat market.
Cans can be used for fruit or other
purposes.

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Stray Notice.

Taken up on the first day of August
1898 one horse described as follows:
Sorrel gelding horse about eight years
old branded b on left thigh, on left
shoulder. D. R. HARVEY
sep 26 Eddy, N. M.

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CHISELWIT.

The Platform Woman.

"The platform woman has never been
a credit to, but ever a blot upon Amer-
ican womanhood. I make this em-
phatic statement from a personal
knowledge of the homes which these
women leave behind when they go to
their meetings," writes Howard Bock in
the January Ladies' Home Journal.

"I have seen the rooms in their
homes left in wild disorder; I have
seen their servants sitting in idleness
with work on every hand to do; I have
seen the children neglected and left to
their own devices. I have heard husbands
speak in derision of the motives of
their wives. No woman in a com-
fortable American home can afford to
listen to these parasites of her sex.
Fortunately, the platform woman's
influence is steadily on the wane.
She was never a power. She was
never even picturesque. Her worst
injury was wrought upon certain weak
women who for a time she deluded.
But even with them she was soon re-
garded with wonder rather than confi-
dence. Less and less has she been
able to get listeners, and it is significant
that in places where she has spoken
this season she has not been seen again.
The disappearance of the platform
woman is a case of blot being
blotted out."

Key to Successful Domestic Financing.

"The secret of domestic finance is
to make a little money go a long way,"
writes Fannie Evans in an article
"About Men," in the January Ladies'
Home Journal. "The old axiom about
saving the pennies and letting the
pounds take care of themselves is not
the natural policy of Americans; only
the frugal Scotch and French know
the rule by heart. But women could
learn it better than men, because their
minds dwell more naturally upon little
things. If they are rarely great finan-
ciers they are frequently successful
small financiers. Make a woman res-
ponsible for an allowance and she feels
the interest of a junior partner; pay
her bills, and she is put on the footing
of an interior. There is a feeling of
ignominy about asking a man for
car fare, fifty cents, five dollars or
even a hundred dollars, disagreeable
beyond expression to a woman with
any pride or independence. Now that
women are thinking more of them-
selves than in the past, independence
is becoming naturally a part of their
creed. This independence cannot be
chained out."

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Election Proclamation.

Notice is hereby given that an election
will be held on the 1st day of January A. D.
1899 for the office of justice of the peace and
councilor in the County of Eddy, Territory
of New Mexico, at the following towns and
precincts designated below, to wit:

President No. 1 at the court house in Eddy,
President No. 2 at the court house in Mescal.

President No. 3 at the court house in San
Antonio.

President No. 4 at the court house in Roswell.

President No. 5 at the court house in Mori-

ntown.

President No. 6 at the court house in Tularosa.

President No. 7 at the court house in Alamogordo.

President No. 8 at the court house in Truth-

ful Springs.

President No. 9 at the court house in Fort

Sumner.

President No. 10 at the court house in

Carlsbad.

President No. 11 at the court house in

Deming.

President No. 12 at the court house in

Las Vegas.

President No. 13 at the court house in

Albuquerque.

President No. 14 at the court house in

Portales.

President No. 15 at the court house in

Alamogordo.

President No. 16 at the court house in

Truthful Springs.

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President No. 21 at the court house in

Truthful Springs.

President No. 22 at the court house in

Truthful Springs.

President No. 23 at the court house in

Truthful Springs.

President No. 24 at the court house in

Truth